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More than **1,000** students attended commencement exercises in May. Supported by their proud families, friends, faculty, staff and administration, these Titans are on their way to change the world.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

DEAR FRIENDS OF DETROIT MERCY,

As I write this, the University is coming down from the excitement of all the year-end celebrations for the 2023-24 academic year.

Over the course of one week, we held pinning ceremonies for graduates of our health programs, hooding ceremonies, a multi-cultural graduate celebration, a Baccalaureate Mass and four separate and distinct commencement ceremonies.

The graduates of the Class of 2024 are a resilient group. It's hard to believe, but for many of these students it was their first graduation ceremony. They graduated from high school in 2020, at the start of the pandemic, when large gatherings were canceled or changed significantly.

Our May graduates are entering a world that, in many ways, is just as daunting as 2020 was. Uncertainty over a pandemic is now uncertainty about a world seeing the devastating effects of global warming. Wars around the world are the cause of unrest on campuses and in communities around this country.

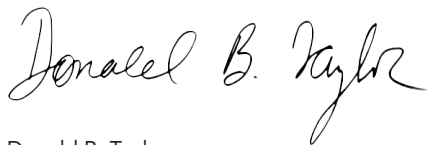
Times like this call for Jesuit and Mercy educated people. Our graduates are, of course, skilled in the field of study they have chosen, but more importantly, they look at the world differently. They understand the importance of serving others for the greater good, recognizing the sacred in everyone and the necessity of justice for all people and communities.

These Mercy and Jesuit values, as lived by our graduates, are the enduring legacy of University of Detroit Mercy. We hear this time and time again from alumni, parents and those in industry who see the good work Titans do out in the world. Catherine McAuley, founder of the Sisters of Mercy, urged her sisters to "be shining lamps giving light to all;" you will read in this magazine stories about how Detroit Mercy students — past and present — are shaping the world.

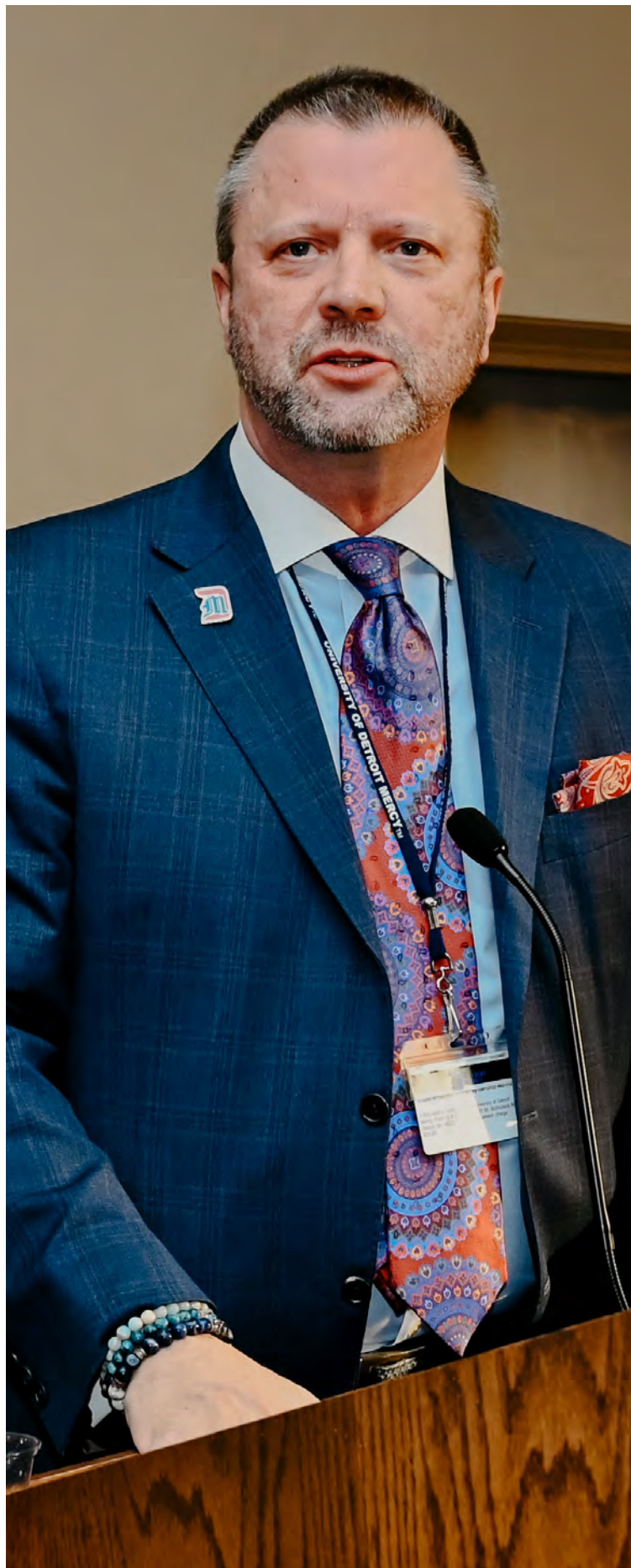
The work of a university doesn't stop with commencements. Our staff and administration are already hard at work getting ready to welcome the next generation of Titans. Our campus branding efforts are receiving rave reviews — the photographs on the front and back covers of this magazine, as well as on Page 7 give you a little peek at what's already been done — but there is more to come, so stay tuned.

I hope you have a wonderful summer. If you're in town, come visit our campuses. You'll see a lot to love.

Sincerely,



Donald B. Taylor
President



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University of Detroit Mercy is the sum of its stories. Here are a few.

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GOOD TO KNOW: ENDOWMENT GROWS TO OVER \$100 MILLION

The facts: In December 2023, University of Detroit Mercy's endowment reached more than \$100 million. Though an endowment rises and falls with the financial markets, it has remained above \$100 million for more than six months.

What's an endowment?: "The idea of an endowment is similar to an IRA," says Vice President for Finance & Administration Thomas Manceor. "You don't spend the principle, but you can draw on the interest."

A little history: This figure marks an important turnaround for the University. In 2011, the endowment stood at \$25.6 million, a low figure for a university of our size. That year, the University embarked on a mission to increase the endowment by raising and by adding gifts to it that have not been designated by the donor to other needs. "I would say about half the growth is due to donations and half is due to stock market gains," Manceor said.

Is this a big deal?: "It's hugely important," Manceor says. "The bigger the endowment, the more interest we earn. That means more for students and less money we need to pull from our operating budget."

Other effects: A large endowment is a reflection of the institution's financial stability, which factors into the school's national rankings. In addition, a large endowment means better credit ratings, which will bring improved terms should the University want to borrow money.

Final word: "Of course, we will steward our funds as carefully as we always do, but this is an important milestone for the University and its future," Manceor said.

DETROIT MERCY OPENS EYE INSTITUTE

University of Detroit Mercy expanded its healthcare options for the community on April 17 when it opened the Detroit Mercy Eye Institute on April 17.

Located at the University's Novi Campus, the clinic is the result of two years of development work by faculty, staff and University leadership seeking programs and services to meet community needs.

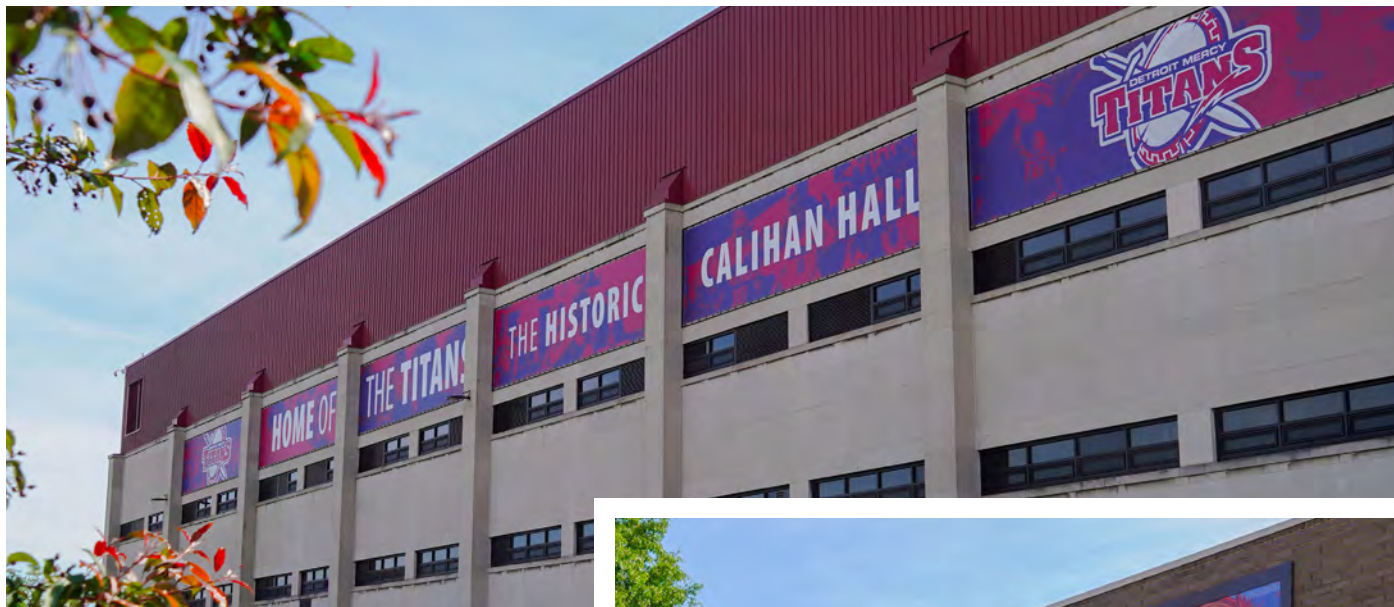
For President Donald B. Taylor, the clinic represents another example of the institution's Jesuit and Mercy mission in action and opportunity to expand UDM's health care footprint in SE Michigan.

"We appreciate the chance to expand our health care services to this region with this clinic," he said. "I can't say enough great things about the many people who have contributed to this news today. On behalf of UDM, thank you for your dedication and hard work. And to our future patients, our team of professionals and experts are ready to help you with all of your eye care needs."

The Eye Institute offers a full range of comprehensive optometry services using state-of-the-art equipment and technology to diagnose, monitor and treat many eye conditions. It will provide affordable care to uninsured and vulnerable populations with limited access to eyecare, which reflects an important foundational component of UDM's Jesuit and Mercy mission.

UDM students studying biology and healthcare programs are already conducting research at the facility under the guidance of highly trained faculty.

The Detroit Mercy Eye Institute is located at 41555 West 12 Mile Road in Novi, Mich. For more information or to book an appointment, please call 248-675-0800.



SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Beautification of the McNichols Campus continues with a donor-funded branding campaign that includes huge banner signs and other red-and-blue touches inside and outside many buildings. The murals (see another one on the back cover) were commissioned from Detroit artists. And there is more to come!



KNIGHTS OF EQUITY SCHOLARSHIP MARKS CENTENNIAL MILESTONE



BY JORGE REYNA, JR.

This year marks a milestone in the relationship between Detroit Mercy and the Detroit Chapter of the Knights of Equity, one of the oldest Irish-Catholic fraternal organizations in America.

The University and the K of E Court 6 Detroit are celebrating the 100th anniversary of a scholarship that began when members of the group voted in 1924 to give their clubhouse at Second and Fort in Detroit to the University of Detroit.

The University then used the \$250,000 value of the house to create a scholarship that has since awarded more than \$1 million in financial assistance to a still-growing list of students, continuing a community through their Roman Catholic faith and Irish roots.

Originally formed in 1895, the Knights of Equity promotes the principles of fellowship, charity and cultural preservation.

Members old and new have a sense of pride of their heritage and faith, and that pride continues today with the new generation.

Joshua Hoenscheid is a rising senior enrolled in the 5-year MBA program and has been part of the Knights of Equity since his freshman year in September 2021. Hoenscheid learned of the organization while applying for scholarship opportunities before stepping onto campus for his first day of class.

"I'm proudly of Irish heritage on my father's side. I went in my freshman year after they accepted my application and became initiated and have been a member ever since," Hoenscheid said. "These are a great group of men who can relate to me and have been helpful through these past years. I'm honored to be part of the 100-year history and it means a lot that they chose me to continue representing them."

Recipients of the annual scholarship are required to join either the Knights of Equity or Daughters of Erin and maintain membership throughout their scholarship tenure. Awardees are to attend the Knights of Equity Gala held annually in the Detroit area.

"Not everyone has a tie to an Irish organization, it's not a requirement, but they're welcomed as long as they follow the remaining requirements," said Tim Higgins, current secretary for the Knights of Equity Memorial Scholarship.

In addition to its scholarship endeavors, Court 6 Detroit has played a pivotal role in shaping Detroit's Irish community. The Knights of Equity has been a driving force behind cultural preservation and community engagement, from hosting the annual St. Patrick's Day celebrations to supporting charitable initiatives. Notably, the organization played a significant role in forming the United Irish Societies, which oversees Detroit's popular St. Patrick's Day Parade in Corktown.

To commemorate the centennial anniversary of the Knights of Equity Scholarship, an Irish Gala event is being planned to celebrate the scholarship's legacy and honor individuals who have contributed to its success. Several Detroit Mercy alumni will be honored for their support of the Knights and their scholarship program.

As the Knights of Equity Scholarship program commemorates a century of impact, it looks forward to continuing its mission of promoting education, fostering community engagement and preserving Irish-Catholic heritage for generations to come.

Second-generation Knights member John Murrin gets tears in his eyes when talking about his long history with the organization and the University. He finds great importance in being proud of the group's heritage and faith, and passing it down to new generations.

"One of the reasons we're all so proud to be part of this scholarship program is because Ireland is known as the Land of Saints and Scholars and we continue to support that theme and tradition here in Detroit with our students," Murrin said.

For more information on the Knights of Equity or to donate to its scholarship, contact knightsforequity@aol.com.

ONE MATERIAL, MANY USES: ALUMNUS' WORK MAY BE THE FUTURE

BY RICKY LINDSAY

As humans work toward a more sustainable future on Earth, imagine having one material that can act like many of the plastics used in daily life. Now consider those same principles being used in outer space, where resources and capacity are precious commodities.

Alumnus Nicholas Boynton '19 has pondered these "grand challenges" the past three and a half years. Thanks to his research, these concepts may one day become a reality.

Boynton and a team of nine researchers have created a new plastic material that can change its shape and properties through tempering, the rapid heating and cooling of a substance. Boynton was the first author of the findings published Feb. 1 in *Science*, one of the world's top academic journals.

"This is really exciting because generally, when you make a new material, you're designing the material for one specific thing," said Boynton. "What we wanted to do was design a material that you could take to, say the Moon or Mars, and instead of having to bring 20 different types of materials for all the different things that you would need, you can just bring one and turn it back and forth into whatever you need. And once you're done with that application, you can just reprocess and do it again. This is, quite literally, as easy as putting it in an oven at a set temperature."

Boynton and the other researchers took a type of polymer called thermosets and added dynamic bonds, which can break and reform at room temperature. They found they could control how much of the material is bound when it is heated at high temperatures, and when cooled, the material would retain the number of bonds that were fixed.

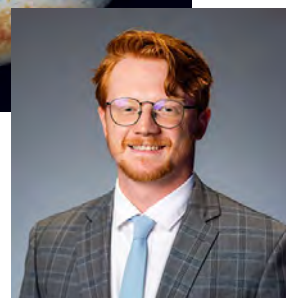
Stem cells were the inspiration for this new plastic material, according to Boynton, who is studying for his doctorate in molecular engineering at the University of Chicago.

He and the other researchers wanted to make a pluripotent — meaning able to change cell types — synthetic material that, like stem cells, could be used in a variety of ways. They found that the pluripotent plastic could be reprocessed as needed and hold its shape for more than a month.

"We think that this is maybe the start of thinking about materials with these pluripotent properties, where you can get this huge range of properties out of it," Boynton said.

Boynton's journey into space science started on Detroit Mercy's McNichols Campus.

As a freshman, he joined the research lab of Chair and Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry Matthew Mio '97 and spent the next two years working with polyimide aerogels as an intern at



"What we wanted to do was design a material that you could take to, say, the Moon or Mars."

NASA. After balancing academics and athletics — he played four years with the Titans' men's lacrosse program — Boynton graduated from UDM in 2019 with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. His relationship with NASA has continued into graduate school — Boynton's doctoral work is funded through its Space Technology Graduate Research Opportunities program.

Boynton never imagined that the past several years would unfold this way, culminating with being first author of a paper in *Science*. This research also caught the eye of the *New York Times*, which wrote about it in a Feb. 1 article called "A shape-shifting plastic with a flexible future."

Mio is proud of his mentee's accomplishment.

"From the first time I met Nick at Detroit Mercy, he showed a passion for learning about and developing new materials chemistry," Mio said. "His publication achievement would be the pinnacle of any modern scientist's career, so to have it happen even before he has finished his graduate work speaks of Nick's leadership potential in the field. I look forward to his future contributions."

MEET NEW CHP DEAN AHMED RADWAN

The College of Health Professions has a new dean. Ahmed Radwan began his tenure March 1.

Radwan joined the University from Utica University (New York) where he was a professor of Physical Therapy and dean for Health Professions and Education. Prior to that he served as an associate dean at Utica University.

There were many factors that went into his move to Detroit Mercy.

"I think I was ready to take on a new challenge in my life," Radwan said. "I was looking for a place where I could grow, a place that is committed to community engagement and has great community support. I was also looking for a faith-based institution and one that is committed to diversity, equity and inclusion."

Detroit Mercy seemed the perfect fit, he said: "I felt that a lot of the criteria I wanted existed here."

He said he sees great opportunities for the College of Health Professions.

"We're doing very well here in regards to nursing education," he said. "There are a lot of nursing programs at all levels. I'm hoping to get the non-nursing programs to be as variable as the nursing programs are."

He will also be looking at quality control. "We need to maintain our good outcomes and improve others," he said.

His other goal is to embrace technology in the classroom.

"The near future is all about technology," he said. "I want to see artificial intelligence and augmented reality incorporated into our curriculum more."

Radwan says he is committed to the professional development and mentorship of his faculty and will incorporate opportunities for that into his plans for the College.

A Certified Professional Ergonomist (CPE), Radwan is the founder and director of the Center for Ergonomic Analysis and Research (CEAR). He earned bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from Cairo University in Egypt and an MBA and doctor of physical therapy degree from Utica University.



His research interests include ergonomics and motion analysis, and he has more than 100 publications and national/international presentations in his field. He has taught in higher education for 26 years — 13 at Cairo University and 13 years at Utica University — and enjoys serving as a consultant for certain medical cases.

Radwan's wife, Nouran, is a finance manager for the Legal Aid Society of Central New York. The couple has two sons: Mahmoud is a sophomore at Nazareth University in New York, and Aly will join his older brother at Nazareth after he graduates from high school later this year.

When he isn't working, Radwan enjoys ping-pong and soccer.

"I like soccer," he said. "I like playing soccer, watching soccer, coaching soccer, anything with soccer."

He also plays a type of Franco/Arabic music on the piano: "I think I am a decent beginner with this kind of music," he said.

Radwan replaced Janet Baiardi, who served as interim dean of CHP for three years and recently retired after more than 40 years at the University.

PROGRAM GIVES EXPERIENCE IN WHOLE-BODY HEALTH

The Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry and the Detroit Medical Center (DMC) Family Medicine Residency Program are collaborating on a project designed to help both patients and the residents alike.

The partnership brings DMC family medicine residents to Detroit Mercy's Corktown Clinic one day a week to shadow Detroit Mercy Dental residents as they care for patients.

The DMC Interprofessional Oral Health Rotation experience is designed to enhance understanding of the significance of oral health to a patient's overall health and to stress the importance of oral health in the care of patients seen by non-dental healthcare providers.

During their time at in the clinic, family medicine residents will learn essential skills such as conducting basic oral health screenings, identifying risk factors for common oral diseases, and recognizing indicators of decay and dental illness. Residents from both programs will explore considerations for dental management in medically complex scenarios, thus enhancing their interdisciplinary interprofessional competencies.

The initiative represents a significant step forward in promoting interprofessional collaboration and advancing patient-centered care.

“SO THEY SAID”

A COLLECTION OF QUOTES HEARD
AT AND AROUND DETROIT MERCY

“Thank you for exposing me to what had been a hidden gem, that is no longer hidden. We will be back.”

National Cyber Director **HARRY COKER JR.** He and U.S. Sen. Gary Peters '84 came to Detroit Mercy in April to discuss the importance of preparing and recruiting a strong cybersecurity workforce. They were impressed by the students in the Vehicle Cyber Engineering Program and members of the Cybersecurity Club who showed the two officials the kind of work they were doing. It was Peter's second visit to UDM this year; he visited in January when the Department of Defense gave the University nearly \$500,000 to sustain and enhance its work in establishing the Metro Detroit Regional Vehicle Cybersecurity Institute.

“Having the opportunity to work toward reducing our carbon footprint helps ensure our organization and the surrounding community do our part helping to uphold more energy-efficient practices.”

PORTIA ROBERSON, chief executive officer of Focus: HOPE. She heads one of 13 nonprofit organizations who will benefit from a \$3.79-million grant to Detroit Mercy from the Department of Energy. The program will enlist scores of UDM students to help the Detroit nonprofits reduce their carbon footprint, thereby being able to expand their work in the community.

“I care deeply about the world my grandchildren will grow up in. I care a lot about what the world will look like after I'm gone. So, I thought that if I was going to do something to make a difference, this University is the place I believe could make some impact on social ethics and the community.”

BOB BRUTTELL '01 adjunct faculty member who teaches History of Social Ethics, on his gift to the University to establish the Robert A. and Judith A. Bruttell Religion and Social Ethics Expendable Program Fund. He wants the fund to be used for an annual event series run by the University's Religious Studies department that will provide opportunities for students to immerse themselves in the study of social ethics.

“Time is the most valuable thing for students, and they can't waste it. You will not get it back.”

Five-time Emmy Award Winner **NEIL MANDT**, who attended Detroit Mercy in the '80s and '90s before leaving for Hollywood, where he has worked as an actor, producer and director.

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- Upgrade the University's infrastructure

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- Provided unrestricted support for more than 80 University priorities



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"I AM READY TO LEAD "

Men's basketball moves forward with Mark Montgomery

Mark Montgomery is wasting no time.

Less than a month after being named Detroit Mercy's 23rd men's basketball coach he had secured four big players to his team, three of them from Michigan high schools. He also pulled together a strong coaching staff from across the country.

"This is just the start, but these are four quality young men who possess a great work ethic and will help us build an identity, a culture and a foundation for our program" Montgomery said in May.

Montgomery takes over a battered program from former coach Mike Davis. In March, Davis completed his sixth season at UDM finishing with a 1-31 record. Overall, Davis went 60-119, 44-65 in conference play at Detroit Mercy. His career record is 412-360.

Montgomery is a former UDM assistant

coach and most recently was assistant coach of the Michigan State University men's basketball team.

At the press conference on the day of his announcement, Montgomery promised great things.

"To all the fans, alums, former and current student-athletes and the Detroit community, know that I am ready to lead this program and make everyone proud to be a Titan," he said. "We will fight and compete and I expect that my players and staff will embrace the hard work and commitment it takes to win. When we do, we will be proud that all of us are in this together as one Titan family."

Montgomery was chosen from a pool of more than 100 national candidates. The search process was conducted by an advisory committee of alumni, former Titan student-athletes, donors and

supporters, faculty, staff and University leaders in conjunction with College Sports Associates (CSA), a leading college athletics executive search firm.

Through this process, UDM narrowed the pool to nine semifinalists with four finalists recommended. Montgomery emerged as the top candidate and had a final interview with President Donald B. Taylor and Michael T. McNamara, chair of the University Board of Trustees.

"After spending time with Mark and hearing his vision, we are confident that Coach Montgomery will bring our men's basketball program back to the national stage," Taylor said. "His experience, approach to strategy and proven success building winning programs and recruiting the top talent in the state of Michigan and beyond are just a few of the numerous reasons he emerged as the



leading candidate.”

Montgomery is equally confident about building a winning team and culture.

“I would like to thank President Taylor, Robert Vowels and everyone on the search committee for giving me this opportunity,” Montgomery said. “Growing up in the area, you heard about the history of the University, the great players, the atmosphere and historic Calihan Hall. Those teams were nationally known and they played the best and beat the best. I am so honored and humbled to lead the program back to where it was.”

He praised Tom Izzo, legendary coach of the Michigan State Spartans men’s basketball team, for whom he worked as an assistant coach.

“To Coach Izzo, I thank you for always being there for me and guiding me through the coaching realm and helping me to get to where I am today. You have been not only a teacher and mentor, but a friend, and I thank you for always being there for me.”

Izzo, who attended the event with several members of Michigan State’s basketball program, returned the compliments.

“I’m thrilled for Monty and very excited for the opportunity he has as the head coach at University of Detroit Mercy,” Izzo said. “Monty returned to Michigan State three years ago and has been an important part of my staff and our recruiting. He is one of the best and brightest coaches I’ve worked with during my career. Monty has a great understanding of the game, he’s called our offensive sets and is an incredibly hard worker who is very organized and knows how to run a program. Monty played at Michigan State and has spent a good part of his career with our program, and while I’m sad to see him leave, I’m happy for him, his wife Alex and their family. I think this is a great opportunity for Monty to run the program in Detroit and look forward to seeing the success he has there.”

UDM Athletic Director Robert Vowels also looks forward to Montgomery turning the program around and setting a new foundation for the future.

“Coach Montgomery is a highly distinguished veteran coach who has seen success at both a mid-major and national level,” Vowels said. “His roots in metro Detroit are well known, he has a national presence as a recruiter and he has seen what it takes to build a program. He has learned from some of the best coaches in NCAA history and was a standout student-athlete. I feel with all that experience, his previous familiarity with the University

and the basketball program from the inside will be important for a smooth transition, he is exactly the coach we need to relate to student-athletes today and to bring our program back to the top of the Horizon League.”

A native of Inkster, Montgomery starred in the prep ranks at Aquinas High School and was a four-year starter at Michigan State as a student-athlete. He eventually became an assistant coach for 13 years during two different stints at his alma mater.

Over the last three years with MSU, he helped the Spartans reach 20 wins and the NCAA Tournament in every season. Michigan State also won a game in the NCAA Tournament in all three years, including a Sweet 16 appearance in 2023. He was also part of a staff that brought in the No. 5 recruiting class in the country in 2023-24 as ranked by 247Sports.

Before returning to East Lansing, Montgomery served on the staff at UDM for the final few months of the 2020-21 campaign. During that time, the Titans went 11-3 to finish the year at 12-10, the only winning record for the program in the last eight seasons.

Montgomery was also the head coach at Northern Illinois University (NIU) from 2011-21, leading the team to both a postseason appearance and a victory over a ranked opponent. His 124 wins were the third-most in school history and his 21-win campaign in 2015-16 was tied for the second-most victories in school history. He led the team to a share of the MAC West Division crown in 2019-20, which was only the fifth division title since the school moved to DI in 1967. Under his watch, his student-athletes accumulated three NABC All-District honors, six All-MAC honors, four MAC All-Freshman Team recognitions and one Lou Henson All-America Team selection.

In 2010, prior to his arrival at NIU, Montgomery was named one of the top five high-major assistant coaches in the country by Fox Sports. In addition, then Fox Sports national college basketball writer Jeff Goodman named Montgomery the top assistant coach in the Big Ten Conference based on a poll of league coaches.

Montgomery began his coaching career as an assistant at Central Michigan University in 1997-98. Following a 6-23 season in 1999-2000, the Chippewas made a worst-to-first turnaround the following season, finishing the 2000-01 campaign with a 20-8 record, winning the MAC with a conference mark of 14-4.

An outstanding player during his collegiate career, Montgomery played for Jud Heathcote at Michigan State from 1988-92. A 1992 All-Big Ten Third Team selection, Montgomery ended his career as the then-career leader in games played at MSU (126). A four-year starter for the Spartans, he was part of the 1990 Big Ten Championship team, three NCAA Tournament teams and an NIT Final Four team. Montgomery ranks fourth on the career assists chart (561) after leading the team in assists as a junior (169) and senior (190). He also ranks fourth on the MSU career steals list (168). He was also a two-time Academic All-Big Ten honoree and earned his bachelor’s degree in Food Industry Management from Michigan State in 1992.

Following his collegiate career, Montgomery played four years of professional basketball in Europe, where he averaged more than 25 points a game during his time in Germany, Lithuania and Sweden.

Montgomery and his wife, Alexandra, have two sons, Mason and Nicholas, and a daughter, Charlotte Ann.

ACHTER'S CONTRACT EXTENDED AFTER STRONG WOMEN'S SEASON

Head women's basketball coach Kate Achter has agreed to a contract extension through the 2028-29 season.

In just her second year, Achter completely transformed the program to post its first winning season since 2017, as the Titans ended the year at 17-16. The 12-win improvement over last year was the biggest turnaround in school history and one of the top in the nation; the Titans had won just 19 total games the previous six years.

The Titans tallied a 7-4 record in non-conference play, the most by the squad in non-league action since 1991-92, which included wins over Midwest programs in Bellarmine, Dayton, Eastern Michigan and Western Michigan. UDM also won nine conference games and a post season game for the first time since 2016-17.

"Coach Achter has done a remarkable job of building a program in two years and the future is extremely bright," said Athletic Director Robert Vowels. "I commend her for rebuilding the culture, identifying student-athletes who are solid academically, finding players who compete, give great effort and have impeccable character. She also has assembled a strong coaching staff to help teach, mentor and coach."

"I would like to thank President Taylor, Robert Vowels and Associate Athletic Director Teri Kromrei '03 for their unwavering



belief in the rebuild of this program," Achter said. "I am thankful for their support and the belief of our players and staff in the vision we have set forth. I thoroughly enjoy working at Detroit Mercy, working with my staff and the athletic department, and I especially enjoy that I can have a great family balance and still be a great women's basketball coach here. I look forward to the years of building and growth ahead."

During the year, Detroit Mercy received votes in the College Insider.com Mid-Major Poll for the first time since the 2012-13 season and had victories over the Horizon League regular season champion Cleveland State and third-place Purdue Fort Wayne.

Off the court this past year, the Titans had seven players on the Athletic Director's Honor Roll and six on the Horizon League Fall Academic Honor Roll.



JOIN THE FUN!

The third annual Road to a Championship fundraiser will be a casual social event to support Titan Athletics and Detroit Mercy student-athletes.

The Oct. 10 event at The Corner Ballpark in Detroit will feature cocktails and appetizers, door prizes and unique "experience" auction items.

Tickets are \$125 and all proceeds will support Titan Athletics. Scan the code below to register and for more information.



THE BUSINESS *of* DOING GOOD

Center for Social Entrepreneurship invests in the community

BY RICKY LINDSAY

Dee Pearl '05, '07 used to spend her summers as a teacher leading STEM-based camps in Detroit. It was a way for the longtime educator to introduce young children to science, engineering, technology and math. But a few years into it, she noticed something.

"I started realizing that I enjoyed my summers a lot more than I did my September through June," she said. "If I'm still working with kids and able to have an impact, how can I translate the summer camps into a full-time position?"

That realization was the inspiration behind her starting Pearl SMART School, a STEM preschool that focuses on early literacy. She opened her first preschool in Monroe last fall, with a Detroit location scheduled to open this year.

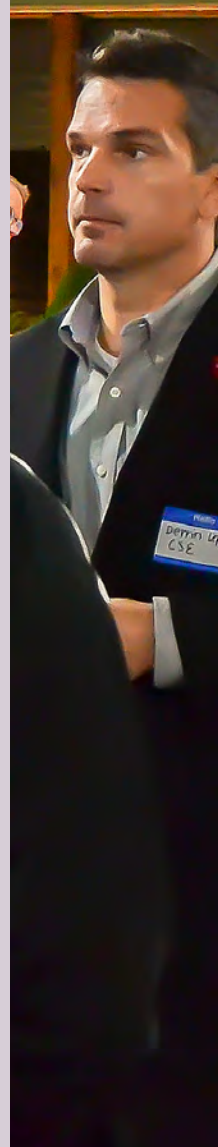
Pearl was able to move her business forward thanks to University of Detroit Mercy's Center for Social Entrepreneurship, which works with local entrepreneurs who want to address social issues and help communities through business.

The Center provides social entrepreneurs with skills, resources and mentorship through programming such as Boost, a 10-week intensive workshop for early-stage social enterprises.

This work is the mission of the Center, which reached a long-awaited milestone this academic year by issuing the first loans to social entrepreneurs through its Social Innovation Fund.

Pearl and Jermaine Wyrick each received loans of \$5,000 to help with their businesses after completing the Boost program and pitching their idea to the Social Innovation Fund's loan committee. Wyrick started a law firm to represent men in their fight to maintain a presence in their children's lives.

Social enterprises can face challenges raising funds or getting loans to support their businesses because "they're not strictly motivated by profit," said Derrin Leppek, the Center's director. That's where the Center and its Social Innovation Fund come in, providing initial support to help them achieve bank-readiness.



“As a social entrepreneur, is it about the money or is it about the people you ultimately want to touch?”

– Dee Pearl

HOST DETROIT

EXIT



FRESHLY SERVED: NEW COFFEE CART GIVES STUDENTS BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

Over the past year, Bianca Candela and a few of her peers have made pushing a gray utility cart across the McNichols Campus part of their Wednesday morning routine.

The cart is the movable home of the Entrepreneurship Association's EA Café. From it, the club's members serve hot and cold beverages, from black and flavored coffees to lattes and cappuccinos. It was created by the club last spring.

"We felt like there was a need on campus that wasn't currently filled," said Candela, who is in the 5-year MBA program at Detroit Mercy and saw a need for more accessibility to coffee on the McNichols Campus.

The EA Café has been well received by Titans and won the Student Leadership & Service Awards' Program/Event of the Year in April.

But it all started with a class project.

As a freshman, Candela interviewed Director of the Center for Social Entrepreneurship Derrin Leppek about his entrepreneurial journey and talked about what entrepreneurship could look like at UDM. Leppek wanted to see an entrepreneurship-focused club on the McNichols Campus and Candela launched it shortly afterward.

"We thought it was important to give students the space to be creative and learn about the entrepreneurial mindset and get those opportunities," said Candela, the Entrepreneurship Association's president.

Soon thereafter, the idea for the club to create a business started brewing.

Originally, the club hoped to create a sit-down environment to serve coffee, similar to the former Grounds Coffeehaus, Candela said. But pivoting to a mobile coffee cart allowed the EA Café to be flexible in terms of where and when it could serve coffee.

This year, the EA Café has been wheeled through the Engineering Building, the Health Professions Facility and Sacred Heart Square. It has worked with several student organizations and events, including the University's commencement ceremonies.

"It's really cool, because I get to take what I'm learning in my classes and apply it," she said. "It's rewarding to be able to see the impact that has."



The Entrepreneurship Association has worked with the University's food service company Metz, which offered ideas on how to source things like ice for iced drinks. The club didn't want to be in competition with Metz, Candela said "because we're all just trying to improve campus life."

All members of the UDM community can serve cups of Joe to Titans as weekly volunteers. They collaborate in other ways, too. The Entrepreneurship Association teamed with the Mechanical Engineering program whose students created two new carts for the EA Café for their senior capstone project.

One of the carts has a variety of bells and whistles, including a sink and electricity.

"I think the cart allows us to establish a real sense of legitimacy and professionalism," Candela said. "It improves how we're perceived and our reputation on campus, which opens a lot of doors for us."

The EA Café operates as a nonprofit under the Center for Social Entrepreneurship and plans on making its first donation to the center. Candela said the gift could exceed \$500.

Leppek, who serves as Entrepreneurship Association's faculty advisor, has enjoyed watching students gain real-world experience.

"Not only are they having fun," Leppek said, "they're going through a challenge and they're learning. They're also positioned better once they graduate, which is really cool."

“We owe it to Detroit to help make our community better, and that’s what we’re doing at the most basic level.”

– Derrin Leppek

“It’s harder to get an investor, like a bank, or others to take on that extra risk that a social enterprise faces,” Leppek said. “We kind of bridge that gap to help them get that initial funding that they need to do important things.”

Impacting the community

Wyrick has worked as an attorney for nearly three decades. He started Father’s Justice Law in May 2021 because of his own “existential crisis.”

“I went through a custody dispute involving my minor daughter,” he said. “It enlightened me in terms of advocacy that’s needed to fairly and justly handle cases on behalf of men in family court.”

Based out of Taylor, Father’s Justice Law works with men in the areas of custody, parenting time, divorce and prenuptial agreements. Wyrick does this work to help ensure that men can be involved in all areas of their children’s upbringing.

“We’re not just looking at the short-term service that we give men while they’re facing a custody dispute or divorce,” Wyrick said. “We’re looking at 10, 15, 20 years down the road, when their kids grow up. Do they become a better, happier or more emotionally stable adult because they had their dad in their lives?”

Wyrick says yes and he’s backed up by data. According to research collected by The Fatherhood Project, involved fathers who use authoritative and loving parenting can lead to better emotional, academic, social and behavioral outcomes in their children.

Getting a Boost

The Center’s Boost program offers social entrepreneurs a thorough jumpstart in the early stages of their businesses.

A wide range of business fundamentals are covered in the program, from mission statements, legal and marketing to strategic thinking, finances and business models. Communication is a key aspect to help social entrepreneurs develop the ability to pitch their businesses.

Leppek teaches Boost to social entrepreneurs, but UDM alumni and students also play a role. Alumni mentor participants and give presentations on their expertise, while students assist by solving problems in the classroom. In return, some of the businesses have welcomed UDM students as interns.

Boost is taught by Leppek every fall and winter. More than 100 people have gone through the program, which is completing its 15th cohort. There is no cost to the social entrepreneurs for participating, as tuition is covered by alumni support and corporate sponsorships.

Leppek sees the social entrepreneurs helping each other during class sessions.

“They’re all giving input to each other and helping each other solve problems, which is really beautiful, because that peer support and sharing knowledge is highly effective,” he said.

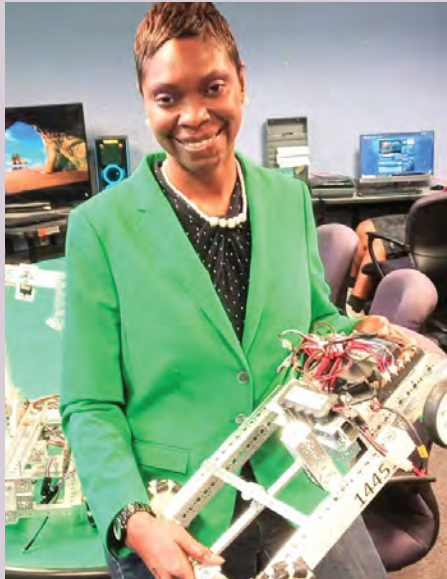
That peer support helped Wyrick, who was drawn to Boost because of its social impact, make partnerships with other participants in areas such as marketing.

Boost appealed to Pearl because of the Jesuit and Mercy values of giving back, which were instilled in her while studying at UDM. She participated in two cohorts to solidify her business plan and believed that discussions with her peers were impactful.

“As a social entrepreneur, is it about the money or is it about the people you ultimately want to touch?” Pearl said. “Having those conversations and being in class with other social entrepreneurs, it definitely gave us a meaning point.”

As Pearl SMART School grows, Pearl wants to be intentional when considering additional locations.

“We’re looking at areas that have childcare deserts,” Pearl said. “There’s a lot of data around the different counties that are struggling with the lack of preschools and childcare options. We’re looking for areas where we can be impactful in our state.”



Dee Pearl '05, '07 learned of the need for STEM education in preschools. She reached out to the Center for Social Entrepreneurship and opened Pearl SMART School, soon to have two locations.



Jermaine Wyrick's experience with a custody dispute showed him that men need an advocate to fight for them in court so they can play a significant role in their children's lives.

Making a difference

Issuing the first loans to social entrepreneurs through the Social Innovation Fund wasn't an overnight process. It's something Leppek had been working on for several years.

After raising funds and getting everything in place, the Center held its first funding round during the winter 2023 semester.

During the funding round, entrepreneurs pitch their social enterprises to the Center's loan committee, which consists of members from its advisory board and CBA students and faculty. The loan committee looks at two things, Leppek said: The ability of the loan to move the business forward and the social entrepreneur's ability to repay it.

After listening to pitches and asking entrepreneurs questions, a collective decision is made.

"It's a process that works, because they get vetted pretty thoroughly," Leppek said. "Students get a great benefit from this, too, because they're part of this process of determining if a business is loan worthy."

No loans were issued during the Center's first funding round, but last fall, Pearl and Wyrick successfully pitched their businesses to the committee.

"It's definitely given us a boost to continue with our work of impacting kids with our preschools," Pearl said.

Working with the social enterprises, Leppek sees the UDM students applying what they learn in the classroom. "On top of that," he said, "they're engaging with local businesses that are doing good. It shows that business can be done in this way that helps others."

Participating in the loan committee and learning from people experienced in business were effective for Jason Zanchetta, a student in the five-year MBA program.

"All of these businesses that are pitching to us have some kind of core value in improving community," Zanchetta said. "It's very fulfilling to be able to be involved in giving out these loans, but it has a higher purpose."

With the Center's first loans issued, Leppek is hopeful that the businesses can be successful and have a positive impact in the community.

"We owe it to Detroit to help make our community better, and that's what we're doing at the most basic level," he said. "I want the entrepreneurs to be successful more than anything, because if they're successful, everybody wins. They're better because they have a sustainable living, they're comfortable, but they're improving the lives of others."

"Being able to serve in this way to make Detroit a better place for everyone, it's something I'm really proud of. I'm happy that we can do this for everybody involved."



THE LUCKY ONES

ALUMNI GROUP HAS SHARED LIFE'S JOYS AND PAINS FOR 50 YEARS

BY RICKY LINDSAY

If it's Wednesday, you can bet that a reunion of sorts will be taking place over lunch at Mt. Chalet in Royal Oak.

It's where a close-knit group of alumni, many of whom met while attending University of Detroit and Mercy College of Detroit at the end of the 1960s and early '70s, routinely meet.

Lunch is just one of the many activities that this group, which consists of 27 alumni and 13 couples, has participated in together over the past five decades. They've shared life's joys, pains, milestones and experiences, from going to college and raising children to enjoying retirement and traveling the world.

"We're a family," said Anne (Haaser) O'Karma '72. "It's not just fun, fun, fun. We also have each other's backs."

"What are the odds of this group staying together through 50-plus years?" Dan O'Karma '70 said. "It's really unique."

On this particular Wednesday afternoon in late March, 15

people from the group — which has no name but uses the "Titans" moniker while traveling together — gathered at Mt. Chalet to reminisce about their college days. Their longtime waiter, Donovan, made his way from person to person while a grandchild, visiting from Chicago, scurried between grandparents.

"Somebody said to me recently, 'how do you find stuff to talk about every week?' It's not hard at all," said Karen (Geraghty) Hannan '72. "The guys talk sports; the girls talk life."

Greek life was a big part of the group's college experience, as all the U-D alumni were in fraternities or sororities. It not only made for a lively campus, they said, it helped create a sense of home for everyone. Deborah (Pardy) Schneble '75 remembers her Mercy College classmates visiting U-D for these social gatherings and basketball games.

"So many of this group are from out of state," said Dan O'Karma.

"I think being on campus and in the dorms kind of solidified a lot of that. We would hang out a lot. I think that was key."

Having a big friend group was especially important for Ann (Denver) Madden '72, who came to U-D from Massachusetts.

"I went home twice a year, Christmas and the end of the school year, so I relied on a lot of the people I met in the dorms," she said. "U-D was great because some people liked euchre, some people liked other things. You would just find a table, sit down and before you even knew it, you were part of a group."

"Just because you graduated doesn't mean you still can't be friends."

The friends include Gary Drainville '72, '79; Chris (Lilly) Drainville '72; Tom Empric '72; Dana (Gineitis) Empric '72; John Fernandez '72; Donna (Pellerito) Fernandez '71; Don Goergen '72; Cathy (Elliott) Goergen '72; John Griffin '72; Denise (Wissman) Griffin '72; Ed Hannah '72; Joe Loibl '69, '74; Tom Madden '73; John Madden '72; Jay Reynolds '72; Dan Schneble '72, '75; William Wales '72, '73; Sue (Dion) Wales '72, Rudy Wilson '72; and Kathy (Hill) Wilson '72. Suzie (O'Connor) Loibl '75 was part of the group until her death in 2018.

Despite the ebb and flow of life, Hannan said, the alumni have prioritized these regular get-togethers over the years. There have been New Year's Eve parties, weddings, bowling nights, annual golf trips, vacations at summer homes and abroad, and many milestone events involving their children.

"We made a pact long ago that when our kids got married, we would be at their wedding, no matter where it was at," said Kathy Wilson. "We've pretty much done that."

They also stay connected to University of Detroit Mercy with season tickets to basketball, attendance at annual events and by serving on alumni and other boards.

Lunch outings started to become a regular thing about 20 years ago, when the women took knitting lessons in Birmingham.

"We'd go to lunch after," said Wilson, "and then as the guys started retiring, they joined us."

"We've outlasted restaurants," added Anne O'Karma, noting that the group has called Mt. Chalet home after their previous spot, Max and Erma's, closed.

What's the secret to keeping the group





together for so long? It depends on who you ask.

For the men, it's a simple Detroit style combination of Buddy's Pizza and Titans basketball.

"Almost all of us have been season ticket holders since we left U-D," said Dan Schneble. "And that's been the real glue that's held the guys together."

The women, on the other hand, remember bringing their children along when they were young. The group became an extended family for them, as well.

"It started when our kids were babies," said Anne O'Karma. "We got together for lunch on Fridays, and every single one of us would take a turn. The houses were beautiful when everyone showed up, and they were chaos by the time everyone left. We let the kids have fun."

After more than 50 years together, the alumni are thankful that U-D and Mercy College brought them together to form a group that has withstood the test of time.

"I think we just consider ourselves lucky," said Hannan. "We're just such a lucky group of people."



ALUMNI EVENTS

The Office of Alumni Relations hosts a variety of events all year long that bring thousands to campus.

Here are just a few recent events.



Titan Winter Blast brought families and chili-lovers alike to the McNichols Campus in February.



Alumni who don't want to stop learning attended workshops on current topics at **Becoming a Better U**, an annual lifelong learning event.



Our newest alumni celebrated the end of their senior year with a special **Senior Send-off** in the Titan Club. (Photo at top also.)



The President's Christmas Party is the highlight of December every year.

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CLASS NOTES

SHARE YOUR NEWS

Please send your class notes to alumni@udmercy.edu.

1970s

Faye Nelson '75, '80 was named to the Michigan Women's Commission by Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

1980s

Project Worldwide, a network of creative agencies, has named **Judy Skiles Lavers '87** executive vice president and chief financial officer to the company's board of directors.

1990s

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer appointed **M. Scott Bowen '90** to director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. **Christian Fabian '94** has been named partner in the Chicago office of Honigman LLP.

Philip D. Fracassa '90 has joined the board of directors of American Woodmark Corp., a leading supplier of cabinetry. He is executive vice president and chief financial officer of The Timken Company, a global leader in engineered bearings and industrial motion products.

J. Paul Janes '90 was reappointed as vice chairperson of the Michigan Attorney Discipline Board and Attorney Grievance Commission. He works in the Wayne County (Mich.) Prosecutor's Office.

The American Academy of Periodontology installed **Stephen Meraw '95** as its president at its 109th annual meeting in November, 2023.

2000s

Alison F. Duffy '08 has been named a partner in Dickinson Wright's Troy office. She focuses on probate litigation.

Zenna Faraj Elhasan '04 was named to the Michigan Civil Rights Commission by the state's Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. She is the general counsel at The Kresge Foundation and serves as secretary for the foundation's board.

Danielle Hagaman-Clark '01 has been appointed the new chief of the Criminal Justice Bureau by Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel.

Brett J. Miller '05 was appointed co-practice department chair of labor and employment at Butzel law firm in Detroit.

Latoya (Johnson) Willis '02 was named chairperson of Michigan's Attorney Discipline Board and Attorney Grievance Commission. She has served as an assistant prosecuting attorney in the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office for more than 20 years.

2010s

Detroit-based Butzel law firm recently named **Steven R. Eatherly '13, '16** a partner. He focuses his practice on business and commercial litigation.

Nina Gavrilovic '16 was named partner in Dykema's Bloomfield Hills law office. She represents domestic and international clients across many industries.

Jared Henry '15 was appointed judge of the Manistee County Probate Court. He has served as a public defender in Manistee and Benzie counties since 2019.

Melissa S. Palepu '10 was appointed to the Michigan Human Trafficking Commission by Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. She is an attorney with the Michigan Department of the Attorney General specializing in human trafficking and child abuse.

Casey E. Rhines, D.D.S. '13, '20, has joined the Department of Restorative Dentistry at the University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine.

Katherine E. Ross '16 has joined the education law group of Giarmarco, Mullins & Horton, P.C., in Troy, Mich.

Brittany M. Schweiger, D.D.S. '17, '21 has joined Growing Smiles Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics in Richmond, Mich.

Emily J. Sexton '12 was appointed chief executive officer of Henry Ford Behavioral Health Hospital in West Bloomfield, Mich.

Jeffrey VanAssche '15 has been appointed to vice president of purchasing for Blue Bird Corp., the leader in electric and low-emission school buses.

2020s

Aya T. Beydoun '22 has joined the Michigan-based law firm Bodman PLC.

Reine H. Hamdar '23 has joined the Southfield-based law firm Collins Einhorn Farrell. Hamdar focuses on defense of professionals across a spectrum of industries.

Sonam Sapra '22 has joined the Toronto-based McLeish Orlando LLP as an associate where she will focus on personal injury law.

Troy Wissink '21 has been named director of technology for Troy (Mich.) Schools.

IN MEMORIAM

WE REMEMBER ALUMNI AND FRIENDS WHO HAVE PASSED ON TO ETERNAL LIFE

1940s

Mary (Freund) Andreovich '49, '51
Donald L. Byerlein '49
Richard A. Filipp Sr. '48, '62
Helen Haskin '48
Nancy J. Hillebrand '48
John W. Loizon '46
Charles H. Sprau '43
Agatha (Powers) Tourney '48, '50
Harry W. Zirkelbach '44

1950s

Robert J. Adams '59
Robert A. Anstett '58
Buddy H. Atchoo '50
Thomas W. Barick '51
Rosalind (Olmsted) Barrett '56
Suzanne (Kornieck) Benz '57
Donald M. Bolger '59
Peter A. Bonanni '54
Edwin R. Brown '55, '61
Patricia (Lynch) Browning '55
Kathleen (Donald) Burnham '53
Wilfred E. Cassabon '51
Barbara (Schneider) Clemens '58
Peter Coll '57
Donald T. Cooper '53
Harry G. Crespi '57
William J. Dalsaso '59
Carol (Sabo) Degeorgeo '57
George M. Derbin '53
Marilyn DeWitt '59
Robert C. Dickson '56
Robert W. Dietrich '57
August J. Exner '57
James A. Flynn Jr. '52
George Gazmararian '56, '58
Mary (Gillett) Gerow '51
Donald E. Gorey '53
Stephen M. Gresdo '59
Donald V. Haller '57
Desmond P. Hamill '52
David M. Heaton '57, '60
Sonia A. Hines '56
Clinton C. House '57
William J. Hughes '54
Paul A. Jacobs, D.D.S. '58, '69
Robert E. Jensen '54
Mary (Mullett) Janes '54
Joann T. Jurdzinski '59
Leonard F. Jurkiewicz '50
Gerald J. Kavelage, D.D.S. '57
Clifford J. Keirce '51
Mary (McEntee) Keller '55
Vernon R. Konczal, D.D.S. '57
Chester M. Maccio '56

Raymond F. Labadie '57
Charles E. Lents '55
David J. Longe '58
Sam T. Mangione '50
Michael P. Maxwell '5
John R. Mock '57
Robert M. Montgomery, D.D.S. '59
Peter X. Mooney '57
Beverly (Cady) Morrison '50
Robert H. Moyer '53
Patrick W. Mullen '56
Edward S. Mylis '51
Donald J. Niehaus '52
George E. Nies '59
Cornelius J. O'Callaghan '54
Geraldine A. O'Grady-Pershing '55
William G. O'Toole '56
William R. Owen Jr. '59
Nancy L. Panella '57
Charles F. Pelzer '57
Grace (Mahan) Peters '51
Paul T. Pilon '58
Theodore J. Povinelli '53
John P. Raleigh Sr. '56, '60
Louis E. Rentz, D.O. '56
William C. Robert '55
J. Edward Roney Jr. '53
Alexander F. Santos '57
Thomas G. Schleiter '53
Victor K. Schutz '56
Barry R. Strauss '66
Franchot C. Stein '59
Jeanne Susalla '53
Harry A. Tuckfield '58
Raymond J. Vargovick '59
Peter S. Viviano '51
John A. Wangler '59
Helen A. Ward '51
Cynthia (Prybys) Warner '59
Donald H. Waterman '56, '60
Stan E. Wencley Jr. '57
Ralph J. Werling Sr. '51
Raymond L. Ziegler '58
Donald Zonca '57

1960s

Jerry J. Albus, D.D.S. '61
Robert G. Ashcom '67
Gerard F. Austin '61
Michael J. Basford '60
Norbert J. Blum '61
William E. Boyke '61
William D. Booth '62
F. Michael Bothwell '62
James A. Bouvy '66
Donald J. Burkhardt '69

Charles Bradley '61
Joseph F. Breimayer '65
Joan (Ranta) Brandenburg '61, '63
James M. Briesmeister '65, '70
Romualdas Bublys '61
Philip L. Cahill '61
Robert W. Cahill '64
August L. Caringi '67
Patricia (Lamphere) Carnevale '68
John Marie Charniga O.P. '64
Myron B. Cohen D.D.S. '67
Martin P. Daly '62
William R. Dawson '66
Michael L. Donahue '65
William M. Donovan '61, '64
Dennis Donohue '62, '65
Michael R. Dowling '61
Marion M. M. Duggan IHM '66
Peter G. Eberz '68
Howard M. Ellis '67
Thomas E. Everly '63
Ronald E. Fasca '68
Joseph M. Farrug '62, '68
Hon. Anthony J. Fiorella Jr. '61
Sharon (Haley) Fitzpatrick '61
Dennis L. Fraver '69
Richard G. Fuher '60
Elizabeth (Freeman) Furton '60
James J. Gaffke '63, '77
Lt. Thomas A. Golden '66, '73
Lois Ann (Jugenheimer) Grant '62, '75
Donald E. Griggs Jr., D.D.S. '69
Philip G. Harrison, D.D.S. '66
Jerome F. Hayes '64
Richard E. Hicke '65
Raymond J. Hoag Jr. '67
Edward D. Hyde Jr. '61
Linda (Jannuzzi) Karolski '66
John F. Kecskes, D.D.S. '66
Eugene T. Kowalski '63
Anne Marie (Sutherland) Kwart '62
Robert T. Lentz '64
Virgil J. Laurain '60, '66
Joseph S. Learman '68
Roy E. Leet '63
David E. Long '64
Rev. Nedeljko Lunich '67
William J. Martin Jr. '62
Robert W. Marwin '63
Harold J. McClain '61
Gerald J. McDonald '61
Hon. Michael J. McGann '63
Stephen A. McGratty '68
Matthew C. McKinnon '61
William A. McMillan '66
Warren Merz '67
John F. Michkovits, D.D.S. '65

Patricia (Benson) Mitchell '61
 Gerald F. Moore '68
 Hubert J. Mortensen '65
 Brian A. Motter '67
 Lawrence J. Nemshick '64
 Christine A. Newton, D.D.S. '63
 Thomas J. Neych '67
 Kathleen (Harrington) Nolan '63
 Dennis C. Owocki, D.D.S. '61
 Richard S. Pastula '60
 Joan Pawlowski-Turmell '62
 William E. Platz '65
 Glorianne (Mulligan) Polacheck '63
 Edward S. Popko '68
 Francis J. Reynolds '65
 William J. Ross '62
 Val. A. Saph '64
 Andrew M. Savel '62, '67
 Terrell E. Schaefer '67
 Roger L. Schaller '61, '68
 Carl W. Schulte '60
 William F. Sherman '68, '70
 Edmund J. Sikorski Jr. '69
 Brian J. Simet '64
 Margaret L. Stack '66
 George W. Stadler '68
 Terrence W. Stapleton '63
 Kathleen M. Steed '63
 Richard J. Stievater '65
 Ramon P. Stockham '66
 David G. Swanz '60
 Edgar W. Terneus '62
 Patrick L. Tombeau '68
 James J. Tomczak '61
 Matthew P. Twomey Jr. '69
 Robert R. Veith '66
 David A. Villaire '63
 H. Frank Voelker '63
 George J. Walkosky '64
 Frederick L. West '61
 Nancy (Beh) Williams '68

1970s

Francis X. Azzopardi '73
 Don C. Bramlett '73, '81
 Joseph H. Brautman '76
 Erlin B. Cadaret '73
 Otti M. Calo '79
 Sr. John M. Charniga, OP '70
 William D. Cheslin, D.D.S. '74
 Thomas E. Chupka, D.D.S. '78
 Dennis A. Crowe '77
 David A. Dailer '72
 Rose Mary Danuloff '76
 John L. Denton '73
 M. Patricia Diekman '77
 Bruno F. Domzalski Jr. '79
 Gregory L. Dorow, D.D.S. '74
 Frances M. Evans '74
 Joseph J. Fioritto, D.D.S. '73
 Jeremiah T. Flood Sr. '70
 George N. Freund '71

David J. Gamble '72
 Mary M. Garavaglia '75
 Jennie (Almore) Gaye '77
 Charles R. Gillen '72
 Richard A. Giuffre '73
 Michael V. Goldman, D.D.S. '71
 John R. Gray '71
 Richard J. Grudzinski '70
 Gerald A. Gullo '74
 Lois M. Hassan '71
 Robert L. Hindelang '75
 Edward A. Hunter '77
 Robert M. Johnson '74
 Ronald S. Lessem, D.D.S. '71
 Henry B. Lick '76, '84
 Robert L. Lieder, D.D.S. '79
 Msgr. James A. Moloney '70
 Steven B. Marsch '77
 Michael W. Mayhall '71
 Ronald W. Miaso '72
 William B. Middleton '76
 Wayne E. Milos D.D.S. '73
 David W. Miner '74
 Kathleen (Coyle) Mularoni '72
 Louis Nadai '79
 Darlene (Boyd) Norton '74
 Phillip J. O'Brien '75
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